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### NEWS SUMMARY.

**Foreign.**—Considerable prancing back and forth between China and France in Tonquin. —Big fire in Constantinople. —O'Donnell is hardly O'Connell, but they're trying to alter his fate from the latter. —There's a crisis in the Spanish cabinet; better that than dynamite. —Two places in Madagascar bombarded by the French. —Barnum has secured his white elephant, with all the documents, for \$200,000; if he can get away with it. —The boat *Columbia*, No. 8, run down by *Alaska* and all on board lost. —Invaders in Persia; but then the Persians are a rugged people with plenty of insect powder. —El Mahdi, the False Prophet, having quite a boom for ruler of Egypt, dined out Hicks Pasha, who is dead. —Nationalists and Orangemen at loggerheads in Newry, Ireland. —Socialists trying to blow up German Embassy in Paris. —Prussian Reichstag defeat secret ballot at elections.

**Domestic.**—President's message unrolled. —Mormonism receiving attention. —Bill to remove compulsory pilot fees from vessels, introduced in Congress. —Another to abolish Internal Revenue. —Madame asked to resign; of course he will do it; he is that sort of a man. —Freeman, of Pocasset, who killed his child like Abraham, declared innocent on ground of insanity. —No jury null at Uniontown, Pa., to try James Nutt for shooting Dukes. —Communitarian rates on the New York Central to be reduced nearly fifty per cent. —Foulent still heaping it on di Cessola. —Man with overcoats in the Plaza. —Poulin case; circumstances rather risky for man. —First session of XLVIIIth Congress began on Monday, December 3. —Carlisle, Speaker of House. —Bartholdi Pedestal Loan Exhibition began. —Reformed Episcopalians celebrate their tenth anniversary. —Pere Hyacinthe breaks the calm of the Church of the Heavenly Rest to tell his errand here. —Rev. Mr. Morgan also breaks it by a silly speech after Evacuation Day. —Matthew Arnold has been telling the Bostonians about Emerson. —Masonic Temple, New York City, damaged \$200,000 by fire. —Present price of coal to stand through December; should think it too high to stand alone; evidently the operators think so too. —Justice Murray, of New York, utters some plain language as to the police force. —U. S. Mint wanted for New York City. —Bill to amend Constitution in favor of woman suffrage introduced. —New cantilever bridge at Niagara Falls in use.

### ABOUT TOWN.

—Mr. Wm. B. Chambers has so far improved as to be able to sit up.

—A paper box manufactory has been opened on Canal Street by Mr. J. Beckler & Bro.

—Mr. William C. Carle, of this place, has been engaged as organist of First Presbyterian Church, Newark, for next year.

—“Liberal” has unfortunately failed to comply with our rules about furnishing his name. Will he kindly remedy the omission?

—On Evacuation Day Mr. T. P. Heartt fell at Hoboken, dislocating his shoulder. We are pleased to note that he is gradually improving.

—Miss Walker, of Spruce St., Bloomfield, has kindly consented to play at a musical entertainment to be given by the young people of Calvary Church, Brooklyn, E. D., on Dec. 13th.

—The Montclair and Bloomfield High School clubs played a match game of baseball on the Public Square grounds, Tuesday, P. M., which resulted in favor of the Bloomfield club, by a score of 1 to 3.

—The South Orange Presbyterian Church has just made out a unanimous call for the Rev. John R. Fisher, of Jersey City. Mr. Fisher will probably accept the call, which is a very hearty one.

—Our enterprising livery men now have a couple of hacks at the depot on the arrival of the principal trains from New York. We hope they will keep up the practice during the stormy winter weather.

—Mr. Wm. Cadmus received a large number of calls from his many friends on Saturday and Sunday, in consequence of the erroneous statement which appeared in neighboring papers last week, to the effect that he was dangerously ill.

—Next Wednesday evening the ladies of the Park M. E. Church will hold a tea party in their new chapel. Nothing which would tend to make this a pleasant occasion has been omitted. The proceeds will be appropriated to the chapel, which is nearly completed.

—Rev. Samuel W. Duffield is to read a paper on “Abelard” before the Science and Art Club of Germantown, Philadelphia on Wednesday evening, Dec. 12. He was lecturing in Montclair, before the Young Men's Society of the Congrega-

tional Church, upon “Tom Hood, Poet and Punster, with Selections from his Works,” on the 14th.

—Mr. C. E. McDowell is doing a good thing for his own sidewalk and that of his neighbor, Mr. Duffield, by putting on Pompton gravel. This gravel packs down very satisfactorily and makes a hard and firm walk in all weathers.

—At 6 P. M., Thursday, Rev. Rowland H. Bourne united in matrimony Miss Leila M. Bourne and Mr. A. R. Pierson, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Monroe Place. A number of relations and friends were present to enjoy the festive occasion and to offer their best wishes.

—The committee of the B. F. A. having the matter of a hose carriage in charge, have secured one from the Fire Department of Paterson. It is now undergoing some repairs at N. H. Dodd's carriage factory, and will probably be finished the first of next week. Five hundred feet of hose have also been temporarily secured through Mr. Sheppard, of the Water Company.

—A gentleman living in that part of town known as the “West End,” suggests that some one should run a stage from that section to the churches on Sundays. The idea is a good one and we hope it will be carried out by one of our lively men. In stormy weather the walk is long and disagreeable, particularly to ladies.

—Among the many things that might be done to improve the low ground near the railroad, it is suggested that Linden Avenue might be extended from its terminus on Glenwood Avenue to Race Street on Bloomfield Avenue. This would afford a very convenient thoroughfare to the public, and would probably be followed by other improvements in the pond property.

—The change made in the railroad time-table, discontinuing the 11 P. M. train and putting one to leave New York at 12 M., is regretted by many, especially the business men who are detained later than 10 P. M. Many theatre goers also would prefer to hurry for the eleven o'clock train rather than wait until twelve o'clock. It is to be hoped the officials will consider this matter in the time-table now under discussion.

—The New Jersey Wheelmen, of Newark, have a neatly furnished club room at Orator Hall, where they invite all bicyclists to call. In the hall above, a roller skating rink has been arranged, which is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings, at which time a band of music will be present. All visitors are cordially welcomed. The official run of the New Jersey Wheelmen will take place this afternoon, leaving Orator Hall at 3 P. M., going via Central Avenue and Washington Street to Montclair, returning via Bloomfield Avenue to Newark.

#### City Gas from Montgomery.

—As the holidays approach, passengers on the ferryboats can vary the study of human nature by wondering what the various bundles contain in the way of Christmas presents.

—A great many Jerseymen and other foreigners visit the Hoffman House to see the grand display of cut glass, etc.

—The splendor falls on bar-room walls, And costly paintings old in story; Rare plants are seen in living green, And Stokes is there in all his glory.

—Knox the Hatter, on the corner of Fulton and Broadway, and under the Fifth Avenue Hotel, is the place to get head gear. His stylish tiles knock spots out of anything Newark can produce. Although, if you want the real and only true No. 5 Avondale donut and curve, go to Dunlap's.

—A morning paper states that a thief named Gunn stole a dozen pair of pants from a clothing store. This Gunn was probably a breach loader. His aim was to lay in a stock for the winter. When this charge is brought against him, they will likely find he has gone off. Gunns of this kind should be muzzled or locked up.

—At the immense store of Macy one may see many novelties; all kinds of articles suitable for holiday presents display themselves to the eye. The display of clocks is very fine, if one has time to examine them. So many books cover the shelves that it leaves a buyer in a quandary to determine which to select. This prodigious display of the works of eminent authors, at reasonable prices, is a great boon to the reading public.

—The first noticeable distinction between New Yorkers and Jerseymen that catches the eye of strangers, is the fact that more attention is paid to their understandings, i. e. better fitting shoes, that are always polished up to the nines. Another distinguishing difference is the fondness of the cityite for red tape and technicalities, while the Jerseyman is noted for common sense, and a trifle of looseness in business affairs.

—The markets are now in all their glory. All kinds of meats meet with a ready sale. Beef seems to be preferred before other kinds of flesh. Sausages are a seasonable dish to many. Turkeys are plenty, and command the attention of those whose nests are well feathered.

Venison is dear. Fish vary in the scale of prices. Vegetables are growing more in demand. Apples apply to so many uses that they are always in favor. Game is ranked among the delicacies of the season, and is much sought after. Oysters pan out well, and everything generally has an attractive appearance.

—Some idiot is trying to introduce a clock dial with the numerals up to 24 upon its face. Have we not had lessons enough in this foolishness in the matter of wire gauges? Because the old Stubbs gauge was not mathematically divided, some one must needs introduce another known as the standard. The confusion arising from the partial adoption of both is simply immense. It will be the same with the timepieces. If P-h-t-h-i-s spells tise, and custom has sanctioned it for years, to let it remain so is only the dictate of common sense. Philosophy and Theory are good horses in the stable, but the little nag Experience does the trotting on the road.

—Apropos of the above, it is said that over a million new watches are made in the United States yearly. What becomes of all these second-hand ones? This overproduction will be apt to wind up some of the concerns engaged in gutting the market. Waterbury's poor affair is the Waterbury stem-forever-winder. Life is too short to spend an hour each day in winding a \$3 watch.

#### CHRISTMAS CHIMES, NO. 1.

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Walking up Broadway we meet Lots of people in the street, Looking at the things so sweet, Hanging in the windows.

Jewels glittering in the light, Everything so clean and bright; Indeed, it is a pretty sight, Looking in the windows.

Skates and drums, and many toys, Trumpets loud, that make a noise; Everything to please the boys Hanging in the windows.

Of splendid dolls, there is no lack, Who shut their eyes when on their back, Pity we hadn't all that knack, When looking in the windows.

Children lingering on the way, Wondering what they'd have to pay For that dollie dressed in gray, Sitting in the window.

Little gamins peeping in, Thinking that 't would be no sin Could they reach and take them in, Loading round the windows.

But Santa Claus is coming here, He generally comes each year, And when he comes, its very clear He'll empty out those windows.

Each one will then secure the prize He stared at with long longing eyes; They will not tell, if they are wise, They saw it in the window.

The gamins, too, will get their share From those that have a coin to spare; It's just as well to put it there, Than too much in the windows.

GAS-BAG.

#### Montclair.

—The representation of “Christiana and Her Children” has been reluctantly postponed, owing to the serious illness of one of the chief performers. We are glad to believe that the delay will be only temporary, and that this agreeable little drama will be enacted at no distant day. It was to have been given last evening and this afternoon.

#### FIREBRANDS.

—Montclair H. & L. Co. No. 1 have taken possession of their new quarters, and the truck was removed on Tuesday evening from the D. L. & W. Engine house. The members have been provided with keys. As this building can only be occupied till spring, the boys cannot do very much to beautify their quarters, “of course.” We are thankful for small favors, but do hope that some time, not far in the dim future, we can have decent quarters, and a meeting room of our own.

—By request of the Crump Label employees, the decorations of Montclair Hall were used by them at their second annual ball; the managers return thanks to “Montclair” for their kindness, and hope to reciprocate in some way at a future day.

#### THE LITERARY.

In the absence of the president, Dr. C. A. Marvin, Mr. J. R. Howard presided at the Literary on Monday evening last. The audience was not as large as usual, as the meeting of the Y. P. of the Methodist Church was held the same evening, having been postponed from the Monday previous on account of the rain. The following was the programme:

The essay of the evening was read by Mrs. Irene D. Grover, giving a short sketch of the lives and selections from the writings of some of the later poets. Aldrich, Hay, Bret Harte, Stedman, Stoddard and Bayard Taylor. The paper was a very interesting and instructive one, and was well delivered.

Instrumental music, Miss Johnson. Mr. Crane then read, from Hay's Castilian Days, “Spanish living and dying;” and Stedman's “Door-step.”

Miss Cooper read Aldrich's “Baby Bell.” Mr. A. D. Noyes recited Harte's “Dow's Flac.” This was one of the features of the evening, and was deservedly applauded.

Miss Turner read Taylor's “Quaker widow,” and Stoddard's “Brahma's Answer.”

Mr. Noyes then read, by request, Hay's “Little Breeches.” Mr. Howard Pratt closed the entertainment with Harte's “Luck of Roaring Camp.”

Mr. Howard announced that the subject for Monday evening, Dec. 16th, would be “Shakespeare,” and we are informed that the essayist of the evening will be Rev. Geo. A. Gates, of Upper Montclair.

#### MONTCLAIR LECTURES.

The following programme has been arranged by the Young Men's Society of the Congregational Church. All the entertainments will be held on Friday evenings in Montclair Hall.

December 14.—Rev. S. W. Duffield, “Tom Hood, Poet and Punster.” January 18.—Prof. Pearsall, “Readings.” January 25.—Mr. P. W. Lyon, “Africa.” February 1.—Concert.

February 8.—Prof. Allan Latham, “Readings.” [“Poe's Raven” will be one of the selections given, and through the kindness of Messrs. Harper Bros. will be illustrated by the stereoscopic with copies of the drawings by Dore.]

February 15.—Prof. C. A. Young, of Princeton College, “Astronomy.” [Whether the Professor will give “Sun,” “Moon,” “Planets,” or “Comets,” has not yet been decided.]

February 29.—Concert. March 7.—Howard Henderson, D. D., of Jersey City, “Boys, Bad and Best.” March 14.—J. Clement French, D. D., “The Model Home.”

March 21.—Major Z. K. Pangborn, “Useless People.” For the concerts the Congregational Church has been engaged, and though we are not prepared to make a public announcement, it is expected that Miss Jessie Pinney and other well-known artists will appear.

#### The Entertainment at Catholic Union Hall.

To the Bloomfield Citizen:

The Catholics of Bloomfield number something over a thousand, no inconsiderable portion of the population. They pay, as do the other citizens, direct or indirect, their share of the taxes, and, in addition thereto, relieve the general community of the town from building and supporting a school, as would necessarily have to be done if their three hundred little ones, now provided directly by the parishoners with instruction, were to be added to the number already crowded at the Town School.

The congregation earn and spend their money in Bloomfield; their religion makes them no less good Americans than their neighbors. Some of the children at the school can look back at two, three and even five generations of American citizenship, and still, withal, THE CITIZEN would ignore them when an opportunity happens to draw attention to the advances made by this body in material and social progress.

One organization of the town occupies weekly one or two columns of the paper; a lecture in any of the churches, a concert for any denominational benefit, but an entertainment that gave pleasure to over four hundred people, that was artistically successful, and should have received words of praiseful comment from your journal, is passed over with a few lines, as would be given to the breaking down of a road wagon, or the premonitory explanations of a bad pun. Six lines from a reporter, who could not have been present, tell us that the “Irish Tutor” and “Box and Cox,” were given at Catholic Union Hall Thursday evening, and that all the characters were taken by the members of the Society, etc., etc. Now, this is unjust to the young ladies who assisted, and could not, by nature of their sex, be included in a Young Men's Catholic Union. The rendering of their parts was no less praiseworthy than the young men's, and also the recitations, between plays, by two young ladies, were simply superb, and call for more recognition than silence. The reporter's absence, and his taking it for granted that there would be an appreciative audience, might naturally follow after the good Thanksgiving dinner, and the heavy washing down of the afternoon's water trial, but it seems a wilful want of courtesy in neglecting to record a transaction of local news that is of moment to us, and which, if the CITIZEN is to be a local paper, we have a right to expect. We do not wish more, but are not satisfied with less than we are entitled to.

H. J. S.

[NOTE.—We print the above criticism upon the CITIZEN, and admit that the entertainment mentioned was deserving of a full and appreciative report. We must remind our correspondent that, by reason of Thursday being a holiday, nearly all the work on the paper had to be put in type and printed on Friday. We think his suggestion that THE CITIZEN does not exhibit enough interest in entertainments gotten up by our Catholic friends is not deserved by us, for an examination of our files will show that we report events without fear or favor. We invite H. J. S. to aid in keeping us informed as to any matters of public interest in his denomination.—ED. CITIZEN.]

Meeting of Town Committee.

The Township Committee held a regular meeting on Wednesday eve. Present, Messrs. Farand, Oakes, Dodd and Hayes. James D. Gallagher, Esq., appeared before the committee to hear their report on the matter of permitting the D. L. & W. R. R. Co. to raise the grade of their track at the Washington Street crossing. Mr. Oakes, the chairman, reported that they had gone over the track from Washington Street to the causeway over the lane leading to the turnpike, and they were unanimously of the opinion that the grade at Washington Street ought not to be raised.

Mr. Gallagher renewed his arguments and urged that the property at Glen Ridge would suffer, unless the grade could be made more easy to the station.

The matter was finally left so that Mr. Gallagher could present maps and drawings to the committee at their next meeting.

Messrs. Weeks, Jarvie, Ward, Spencer, Marsh and Puffer were present, representing the Fire Association, and explained the plan upon which a Hose

Company had been organized within the association. As it appeared that the membership of the Hose Company was still incomplete, no action was taken toward furnishing them with hose, etc.

Mr. Hayes reported that Mr. F. W. Sheppard, President of the Water Company, had offered to lend the township five hundred feet of hose, until the vote could take the necessary steps to raise money for procuring needed supplies. The Water Company officially notified the township that eighteen hydrants are completed and ready for use at any time. The charge for these hydrants began on December 1st.

After some routine business the Committee adjourned.

#### The Stuart Rogers Fiasco.

The entertainment given by Stuart Rogers in the Westminster Church, on Tuesday night, was an unmitigated fraud. It was a fraud, first of all, by the Redpath Lyceum Bureau, whose commendations and testimonials were the very best possible to Mr. Rogers' ability. It was a fraud, secondly, by the man himself on the managers of the Lyceum Course. And it was, last of all, a fraud upon an intelligent and charitable audience as it is easy to find.

The facts are simply that Mr. Rogers was asked in advance for his programme, which he declined to give. He stated that he declined to give to his audience, and that he adapted it to his audience, and that the managers need not be at all alarmed lest the sensibilities of any person would be offended, or that there would be selections which would be inconsistent with the place in which he appeared.

The result was a hideous mockery—not even a gilded sham. In old times English people used to delight to see men grin through horse-collars. Except for the horse-collars, this was the same sort of a show, and it was entirely disagreeable. Mr. Rogers has remarkable facial expression. He has also a remarkably poor style of low-grade rant instead of eloquence. He has some ability in rapid transformation, and can assume a part—like that of Oscar Wilde—with some success. But he has an unequalled power of arousing the distinct disgust of a Bloomfield audience. He will certainly never be welcomed again within the limits of this bailiwick.

If one could wear Stuart Rogers out until the real merit which is in him could become apparent, it might be better. But in order to wear him out—he has a most excellent opinion of himself—it would require a capacity of enduring pestilential silliness and grinning idiocy which ought to have a higher purpose.

We do not particularize his selections. If we did we should say that Lady Clara Vere der Vere (his own pronunciation) had been murdered in cold blood, and that Darius Green was lynched in the sight of the audience.

For the managers of the Westminster Course—who feel deeply and intensely the disappointment and disgust which they share equally with the audience—we have real sympathy. They solicited the Redpath Bureau for information as to Mr. Rogers' appointments (after he had declined to furnish a programme), so that they might hear him in advance, and decide how fit the entertainment would be. They were met with evasion and neglect. They are not, consequently, so much to blame, and they certainly had a lesson that they cannot well forget.

The only relief to the evening was the music, which was rendered by Prof. Piderit. It was in good taste and displayed his decided mastery of the instrument. In fact, if we must say it (though it is hardly complimentary to the musical instrument), Prof. Piderit's organ was a vast deal better than Mr. Rogers' monkey.

#### H. de Rotzer in Confusion.

To the Editor of the Bloomfield Citizen.

SIR—I have the honor to recall myself to your remembrance. If it will be that it is agreeable for you to remember, I am that French-German-Swiss which suffer in the feet, by reason of the to be regretted great business of the Place Monro. Sir, I wish that my remembrance have been projective of results, yet I know not, for I visit not your village since that to me unlucky evening. It is not that which I write concerning, but that I may encourage your much to be admired magazine. It is in my weekly receipt of same a haven of joy before the heart. My English it much advances. Yet am I troubled for your co-writer which signs itself “Gas-bag,” for I have fully not to comprehend whereof “Gas-bag” relates. Frequent there are words thereby, the which to me are comprehensible nothing whatever. I have my pen-facility acquired painfully in a land foreign beneath professors the best, but the idiom American much surpasses what I have been taught.

Give me that I rehearse the excitement of the occasion latest. It comes the Sunday, and my friend he to me say, let us voyage that we may hear the excellent pastor Talmage. Therefore we progress. Much do I amaze myself at the man. He shall so often smile, and he shall so great fertility of language show, that I follow him not. My friend he to me say, whereforest thou with thy mouth ajar? For thus I was amazed at the man.

My Place Monro friend recently say to me, we shall gravel those walks thereat. Yet I imagine not what “gravel” mean. Thus I turn me to the dictionary meagre, and I therein find “GRAVEL, n. pebbles; concretions in kidneys.” Thus I know not yet what happen to your Place Monro. Receive, sir editors, the assurance of my consideration.

H. DE ROTZER.

A LITTLE fellow lately asked his parents to take him to church with them. They said he must wait till he was older. “Well,” was his shrewd suggestion in response, “you'd better take me now, for when I get bigger I may not want to go.”—Exchange.

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